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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th April 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Interventional Radiology.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 As part of my role with [REDACTED] I am doing some research work on identifying patient activity numbers for those patients who have Interventional Radiology procedures undertaken in your trust.

I am trying to find out the population you serve (numbers) and volume of activity by the following years

- **April 2016 – March 2017**
- **April 2017 – March 2018**
- **April 2018 – March 2019**

If it is not possible to identify all procedures can you provide information on the following five:

- **Nephrostomy +/- stent: OPCS codes M13.2, M13.6, M33**
- **Angioplasty: L45, L63**
- **Fistuloplasty: L743, L745, L747**
- **Abdominal drainage: T45**
- **Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram +/- drainage +/- stent: J121, J241, J461, J47, J481, J485, J486, J505, J661-664**

A1 Please see below:

Row Labels	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019		Total # Exams	Total # Events
	# Exams	# Events	# Exams	# Events	# Exams	# Events		
All other Exams	3395	1288	3697	1273	3614	1302	10706	3863
Nephrostomy	405	344	496	410	579	486	1480	1240
Angioplasty	522	369	498	357	480	328	1500	1054
Fistuloplasty	169	168	151	149	143	140	463	457
Abdominal drainage	18	17	29	25	41	34	88	76
Percutaneous transhepatic cholangiogram +/- drainage +/- stent	45	44	88	79	85	74	218	197
Grand Total	4554	2230	4959	2293	4942	2364	14455	6887

- Q2** Finally could you advise how these are recorded so they can be coded by the Clinical Coding Team, do you use an electronic system with a specific code or do you manually record these in the patient notes?
- A2 At UHMN the CRIS imaging system uses NICIP exam codes which map to SNOMEDCT codes, not OPCS.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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